

Rocky Mountain Area IHC Rotation for Out-of-Area Assignments

2015 Procedures/Guidelines

This Rotation is to be maintained by the RMACC Crew Desk.

1. The Out-of-Area Rotation and procedures will be determined per this document, which will be posted on the RMACC web page under the Crews tab.
2. The rotation is used for out-of-area requests/assignments processed through RMACC and the NICC.
3. The **initial** order of rotation out of the Rocky Mountain Area (RMA) will be determined at the beginning of each season in the order in which the IHC certification checklists are completed and received by RMACC, and the crews are statused Available National.
4. Crews returning from out-of-area assignments will be placed at the bottom of the rotation ensuring that all other crews have an opportunity for an out-of-area dispatch.
5. Once all the RMA IHCs have received an **initial** out-of-area assignment, the rotation is then determined by the order in which each crew returns from assignment and placed at the bottom of rotation, regardless of the date of dispatch or length of assignment.
6. Superintendents will notify their respective home/host dispatch center upon their return from assignment and their expected availability for a new assignment. The home/host dispatch center will immediately notify the crew desk at RMACC, which will then place the crew at the bottom of the rotation regardless of availability.
7. Any IHC committed on an assignment within the RMA would maintain their position on the Out-of-Area Rotation and be available again for out-of-area assignments once released and available for an assignment in accordance with work/rest guidelines.
8. Any IHC committed out-of-area for greater than 48 hours through IA/Local Agreements will be placed at the bottom of the rotation when released from assignment. If the IHC is committed less than 48 hours, they would maintain their position on the Out-of-Area Rotation. The 48 hour assignment excludes travel time and is determined by ETA/ETD in ROSS.
9. Out-of-Area Rotation guidelines will be adhered to whenever possible. However, certain conditions or factors such as: Date/Time needed, large transport aircraft logistics, time constraints (work/rest), agency-specific requirements, and cost considerations that may necessitate deviation from the Out-of-Area Rotation order.
10. Based on current or predicted local, area, or national needs, there may be occasions when the RMACC Center Manager, RMCG Duty Officer, MAC, the National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC) or NMAC will determine not to commit all of the IHCs. The affected crews will be notified by RMACC via their home/host dispatch center when this takes place.
11. The Out-of-Area Rotation will be updated by RMACC crew desk as necessary and reside under the Crews tab on the RMACC web page.

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